



LaBrae Intermediate

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Newsletter

February 2012

News to keep you informed about our school

From the Attendance Department: Attendance is a very important aspect of your child's education. Many times parents fail to realize the number of days missed. It must be pointed out that attendance may be used as a basis for promotion or retention. LaBrae Board Policy states: A student who is absent from school more than nine (9) days in one semester, or more than eighteen (18) days in one year would be subject to loss of credit respectively. All absences, whether excused or unexcused, and suspensions will be counted. We request that parents notify the school by telephone (330-898-4569) the morning of the absence and follow up with a written excuse. It is the responsibility of the student to obtain make-up work following an absence. **There will be a 2% reduction of the nine-weeks grades for each day unexcused or suspended.** A call or note from the parents must be received within a 24 hour period to excuse an absence.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

We will be holding conferences on Thursday, February 9, 2012 & Monday, February 13, 2012. Please call (330) 898-4569 to schedule an appointment with one or all of your child's teachers.

OHIO ACHIEVEMENT TESTS will be administered **April 23 - May 4th, 2012** to all L.I.S. students. Students have or soon will be participating in Achievement Test Reviews and taking Practice Achievement Tests. Homework will be assigned **every night** in the form of reviewing what was covered in class each day even if there is not written work to complete! More information on Ohio Achievement Tests can be found on the Trumbull County Educational Service Center's Web Page:

<http://www.trumbull.k12.oh.us/> - click on OHIO TEST INFORMATION found under the red colored heading, "PARENTS".

Attendance during the weeks of testing is necessary !

News from our School Nurse

Cold and flu season is here. Just a reminder that if your child is ill, please keep them at home until they are free from fever, vomiting, or diarrhea for a full 24 hours. This will go a long way in helping to minimize the spread of illness. Also, please reinforce good hand washing and covering those coughs and sneezes! Also, if your child will need cough drops, please send them to school with a note. Thank You for your help and cooperation!

The Trumbull County Health Department offers four programs for expectant mothers or parents with children up to three years old. All programs are parent education oriented with home visits, age appropriate activities for children and families, activities to enhance parenting skills, developmental screenings and access & referral to community agencies that may be of assistance to the family. If interested contact the Trumbull County Health Department at 330-675-2590, option #3 and ask about the Parents as Teachers Program.

Ms. Milajeane Harkabus
Principal
And
Mrs. Darla Arnold
Secretary

LIS Spelling Bee:

Home rooms held their classroom Spelling Bees in January. Each classroom champion spellers participated in our school Spelling Bee on Thursday, January 26 2012, at 1:30 p.m. in the Auditorium. The following students represented their home-rooms:

Jonathan Raines, Steven Beckner, Dylan Shahan, Mya Currence, Emily Hyland, Ashley Moon, Kevin Spina, Ava English, Emily Blattel, Sean Lujan, Elyjah Bailes, Matthew Agona, Christopher Carter, Ian Blattel, Peyton Royal, Mikiya Stassinis and Cassie Smith.

Our Spelling Bee 1st Place winner was Ian Blattel, 2nd Place was Ashley Moon and 3rd Place went to Peyton Royal. Ian will go on to the County Spelling Bee which will be held on March 12, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in our school auditorium.

Prep Bowl:

The annual Prep Bowl Tournament was held at the TCTC on 1/17 & 1/18/2012. The team coached by Mrs. Stilwell, consisted of Emily Kujala, Carter Klotzbach: co-captain, Connor Findley, Brady Phillips, Emily Berlin and Ethan Shiflett. They lost their first match against Warren Lincoln, won their second match against Hubbard Reed and lost their third match against Niles Middle School. Congratulations to the 5th grade team for their hard work & effort!

Club 24:

Club 24 will hold its fourth annual Challenge 24 Tournament for Grades 2-5 at Bascom Elementary School on Wednesday, February 8, 2012 at 5:30 pm.

Anyone who has signed up to be a proctor, please arrive no later than 5:15. A brief meeting will begin promptly at 5:15 to go over all rules. Thank you in advance!!

The Regional Challenge 24 Tournament will be held on Thursday, February 2, 2012 at 6:00 pm at Warren G. Harding High School's main gym. We have the following students who will be participating in this tournament:: Connor Meyer, Zachary Meyer, Philip Barnhart and Faith Hartman. Good Luck to all of these students!!

Please contact Mrs. DeProfio at michele.deprofio@neomin.org if you have any questions.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART ASSOCIATION:

Our school is proud to partner with the American Heart Association to help kids with special hearts! **Jump Rope for Heart** event took place on:

January 23–27, 2012 during gym class with Mrs. Simeone.

Collection envelopes must be turned in by January 31 2012.

Students of the Month for December/January:

Connor Meyer, Nate Revis, Abrianna Miller, Ian Bailey, Emily Hyland, Heidi Reppart, Rachel Davidson, Dylan Shiflett, Brent Sanderson and Jacob Reider.

Third Grade Winner – Nate Revis

Fourth Grade Winner – Jacob Reider

Fifth Grade Winner – Alexis Dillon for December

Dominic Furbee for January

Mrs. Naylor's Class – Alexis Susak

Mrs. Conway's Class – Michael Holub

Mrs. Brandt's Reader of the Month – Desirae Allen

Upcoming Events:

February 1, 2012 – Early Release at 2:00 pm	February 13, 2012 – Elementary Booster Meeting at Bascom at 3:45 and 6:30 pm (2 Meetings) there will be baby sitting services available
February 2, 2012 – Regional Challenge 24 Tournament At Warren G. Harding H.S. Gym at 6:00 pm	February 16, 2012 – Market Day Pickup at Bascom 4-5 pm
February 8, 2012 – Challenge 24 Tournament grades 2-5 at Bascom Gym at 5:30 pm	February 17 & 20, 2012 – NO SCHOOL for Conference Day and President's Day
February 9 & 13, 2012 – Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00 – 7:30 pm	February 24, 2012 – Interims Go Home
February 10, 2012 – Market Day Orders Due	

Early Release Day:

On Wednesday, February 1, 2012, LaBrae Local Schools will conduct an early release for all students in grades K-12. The purpose for the early release of students is for the professional development of our teaching staff. The following are the scheduled dismissal times for February 1st:

High School/Middle School (Grade 6-12)	1:00 pm dismissal
Intermediate School/Bascom Elementary	2:00 pm dismissal